**Gateway Exhibition Greek Mythology Project: Fifth Grade Language Arts**

**Objectives:**

* Students will be able to explain what characteristics define the genre of “Myths.”
* Students will explore several ancient Greek myths.
* Students will create an Ancient Greek “newspaper” with five “articles” that summarize five different myths.
* Students will create a short video retelling of one of the myths studied in class OR a short video guide to ten Greek gods and goddesses.

**Myths We Will Explore:**

* Perseus and the Gorgon
* Orpheus and Euridice
* Perseus and Medusa
* Apollo and his Oracle
* Demeter and Persephone
* Daedalus and Icarus
* Pandora’s Box
* Hermes and Apollo
* The Life and Trials of Hercules
* Theseus and the Minotaur
* Echo and Narcissus
* The Gods & Goddesses of Olympus
* Others to be determined

**Newspaper Project:**

* Choose five of the myths we explored in class.
* Write a catchy headline for each one.
* Write an article for your newspaper that summarizes the myth as if it were a “current event.” Your article must explain a key detail of the myth and should include at least one “interview” with a character from the myth.
* Include a picture for each story.
* Make sure your newspaper has a catchy title, too.

*Be sure to try the practice activity on the back of this sheet.*

**Newspaper Practice Activity**

What headline would you write for a story like “The Three Little Pigs” or “Hansel and Gretel?” Write it on the line below.

On the lines below, rewrite this story as if it was a news article. Include at least one interview with a character from the story. (TIP: make your article sound like it just happened yesterday. Tell the who, what, when, where, and why of the story.)

**Video Project:**

* Choose one of the myths we explored in class.
* Retell the myth in your own words. This must be done in writing.
* Create five or more illustrations that go along with your myth.
* Have your teacher scan your illustrations.
* Record yourself reading your myth. Add music and sound effects, if desired.
* Put your scanned pictures and audio together using iMovie.
* Add titles and transitions.

NOTE: You may choose to make a video that tells about 10 of the Gods/Goddesses we learned about in Reading Workshop. If you choose this option you must have 10 illustrations.

Notetaking Sheet

Myth Title

Summary

THE OLYMPIANS

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| God/Goddess Name | Notes |
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